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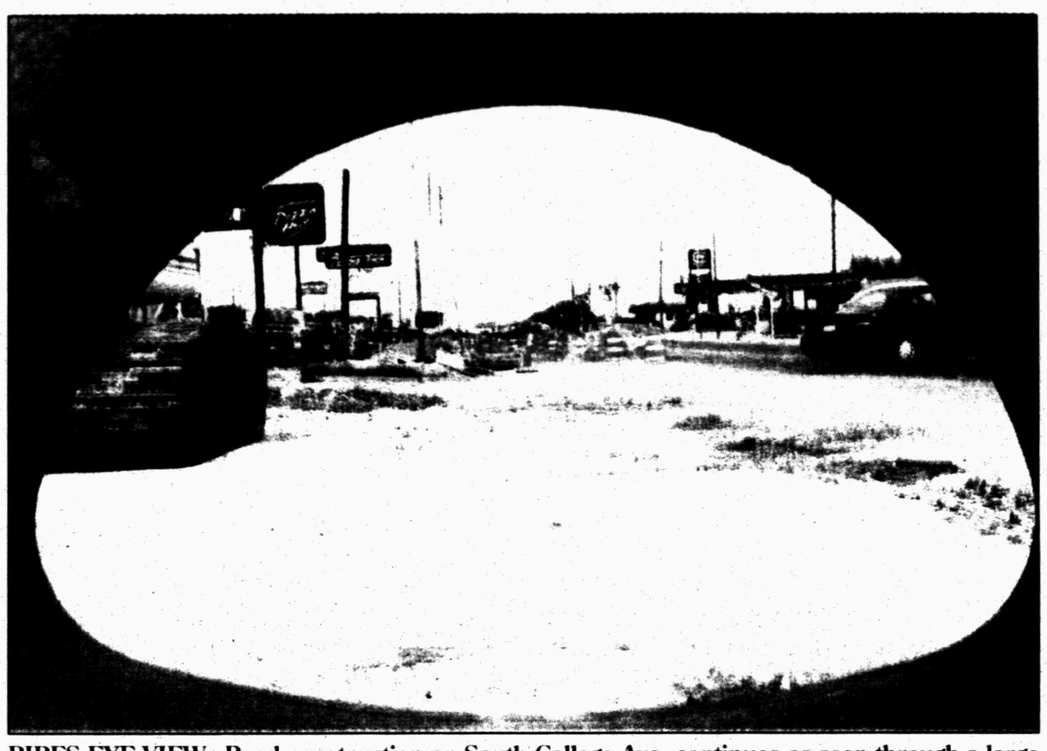


PIPES-EYE VIEW– Road construction on South College Ave. continues as seen through a large pipe that will be part of the drainage system to be installed. Motorists Monday had a different route over the Deep Creek bridge as traffic was opened on the east side. (SDN Staff Photo)

City retirement package receives favorable boost

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder's city council approved the first reading of three ordinances Monday night related to the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).

One ordinance will improve the city's retirement benefits by changing retirement eligibility from 25 years of service at any age to 20 years of service at any age.

Prior to the vote, councilman David Harrell questioned the city staff on how many employees would be affected by the change.

City finance director Jeanne Johnson said that nine more employees would be eligible for retirement if the years of service is dropped to 20. In all, 13 city employees are eligible for retirement as four currently have more than 25 years of service with the city, or have been a member of the TMRS for that time.

Councilman Ron Shaw then asked if all 13 decided to retire, were funds available to fund the payments. Johnson replied there is. The vote was unanimous on the first reading of the ordinance.

The increased cost to the city for this change for 2004 will be $4,732. After 2004, the cost will vary slightly depending upon the number of participants in the program.

The council also approved an ordinance on first reading that will change the city's vesting period from 10 years to five years.

Also approved on the first reading was an ordinance allowing the two Development Corporation of Snyder employees to participate in the TMRS.

Councilman Terry Martin questioned where the money would come from for the matching funds for the two employees.

City Manager John Gayle said the sole source of funding to the DCOS comes from sales tax rebates.

"So instead of using the money to attract businesses, it will be used to fund their retirement," said Martin.

The vote was unanimous to allow the DCOS employees to participate in the retirement program, pending the second reading.

Dayton Robertson, representing the parks committee, told the council that negotiations are still underway with the design firm for the renovations to Towle Park.

Robertson said all plans will have to be approved by the Parks and Wildlife Department before any work begins.

"It could be spring or early summer before any construction starts," added Robertson.

In other action items, the council approved the second reading of amendments for the 2002-2003 budget, and assigned its 308 votes to the Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors to David Beaver.

No action was taken on the appointment of a replacement for Ronnie Shields on the zoning board of adjustment.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and all council members were present to include Harrell, Martin, Vernest Tippens, Stephanie Ducheneaux, James Ashley and Shaw.

Grand jury indicts four

Four persons were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury on Monday.

Amos Marroquin Jr., 31, was indicted for the Nov. 7 offense of aggravated assault. Marroquin of 3805 Highland Drive remains in jail on a $10,000 bond.

Marroquin is accused of injuring Martin Rodriguez Medrano with a knife in November.

Marroquin has one prior felony conviction. He was convicted in Yoakum County in 1994 of failing to stop and render assistance.

Londie Typrine Campbell, also known as Londie Typrine Pittman, 26, whose address is not known, was indicted for the June 4 offense of failing to report a change in job status since she was a registered sex offender.

She was convicted of indecency with a child in Brazos County in 1999. Bond is set at $5,000 and she has not been arrested.

Albert Rodriguez Jr., 24, of 3011 40th St., was indicted for the Oct. 24 offense of driving while intoxicated with a passenger less than 15 years old in the vehicle. Rodriguez is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Kenneth Compton, 51, of 1726 Butternut in Abilene, was indicted for the Oct. 23 offense of possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Travis Gym. Compton remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

U.S. denies top Saddam aide captured

KIRKUK, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops conducted a big raid near the northern city of Kirkuk today, but a military spokesman denied that a top former deputy of Saddam Hussein was captured during the operation.

A member of Iraq's Governing Council said Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri — the top Iraqi fugitive after Saddam — was the target of the raid.

"We get our information from the 173rd (Airborne Brigade), and the 173rd is saying they don't have him," said Sgt. Robert Cargie, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division.

The Americans have pointed to al-Douri as a coordinator of the insurgency against U.S. forces, and last week offered a $10 million reward for information leading to his arrest.

The U.S. raid took place in Hawija, 30 miles west of Kirkuk, and witnesses said American soldiers had arrested dozens of people.

In other violence today, a U.S. soldier from the 4th Infantry Division was killed near Samarra, the site of weekend fighting between American troops and guerrillas, the military said.

Mowaffak al-Rubaie, a member of the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, told the Arabic television station Al-Jazeera that those killed or captured in the Kirkuk operation included a "big fish."

A senior Kurdish official in Kirkuk said, speaking on condition of anonymity, said earlier today that he heard al-Douri had been "killed or captured," citing sources in his political party.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Belgium and White House spokesman Scott McClellan both said they could not confirm the reports on al-Douri. Later, Cargie, in Iraq, denied al-Douri had been netted.

Maytubby tops contest

An entry with only two misses claimed the top prize in the final SDN Football Contest of the season. Rhonda Maytubby of 3609 44th received the $50 first place money.

Two entrants had three misses, and the tie breaker procedure was used to determine the order of finish for second and third.

Jerry Bob Lee of Clyde picked Wylie to defeat Snyder and guessed 31 total points. The actual total was 24. Lee garnered the $25 second prize.

Bobby Roemisch Jr. of 2208 44th St. called for 43 total points, earning him third place and $15.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

Unattended death investigated

A 57-year-old Snyder man was found dead in his Bassridge home shortly before noon Monday.

Officers were called to 4503 Crockett in reference to a welfare check on the occupant of the split-level residence.

Officers found 57-year-old George Jones dead in the den of the residence where he had apparently been living alone.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd pronounced Jones dead at the scene.

Jones was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service and begun work as the postmaster in Colorado City in May 1993. He was on medical leave from the postal service at the time of his death.

Jones' body was transported to Lubbock where an autopsy was to have been performed this morning. Pending the results of the autopsy, an official ruling on the cause of death is pending.

Police Chief Steve Warren said Monday night that the case will remain under investigation until autopsy results are known. An officer remained at the home overnight.

Funeral services for Jones are pending.

Santa Claus reminds everyone that there are
23
days until Christmas

Vicki Shroyer...

Reception set for chamber's executive director Wednesday

A welcome reception for Vicki Shroyer, hosted by the City of Snyder and the Development Corporation of Snyder, will be held at the offices of the DCOS at American State Bank starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The reception is being held to give citizens the opportunity to meet and welcome Shroyer into her new position as chamber executive director.

Shroyer's was selected for the post on Nov. 17.

Early vote ending

Only a few hours remain for voters to cast their ballots early in Saturday's election on creation of hospital district in Scurry County.

As of noon today, 668 had cast ballots at the Scurry County clerks office. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. today.

"The voting has remained as steady as it has all during this early voting period," said Joan Bunch, Scurry County clerk.

The final answer for Cogdell Memorial Hospital will not come until the final election is complete Saturday night. That is when Scurry County residents will determine if the hospital will be run by the county or if a hospital district will be formed.

Cash flow problems at Cogdell prompted a petition drive to call the election. Since that time, the hospital has been granted a sole community provider status that could generate up to $800,000 or more per year in increased Medicare payments.

Opponents of the hospital district say that the increased revenue from the sole community provider status, coupled with improved fiscal management, should generate enough money to fund the hospital.

Proponents say that the hospital's dire financial situation makes the additional money provided by the formation of a hospital district necessary for financial recovery.

Polling places in Scurry County will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best way to stay healthy is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you rather not."

It's the second day of December, and already we've heard grumbling about the rush of the holiday season.

One gal was unhappy because certain things were already picked over, and other was fretting because the Christmas season started before Halloween.

"They already had Christmas decorations up," she exclaimed.

We have a theory about the holiday season. Just roll with the punches. It's gonna happen with or without us.

We may be in a minority, but we did our shopping — one gift — last April. No, we weren't motivated to beat the crowds. Stuff was on sale then.

It's okay to reveal this. Ole what's-her-name refuses to read this most of the time. And if she does, she already knows we're a cheapskate.

Actually, she spends enough for two. We figured it out a long time ago — two can live as cheap as one only if only one writes checks.

This will be the first Christmas with a grandkid in the picture, and already we have noticed a trend.

It's called gift redistribution. In former times, number one son made the big haul. Then he had to share with a wife. And now, both of 'em will have to play second fiddle to the kid.

Guess you know where that leaves us — probably left out —except for some cookies and milk.

Everyone knows the public side of the jolly old fellow in the red suit. But a poll conducted by a national firm revealed an interesting image about the private side of St. Nick.

When he's not busy delivering toys, he drives a pickup truck, works as a motivational speaker and relaxes to easy listening or classical music.

The poll of 1,043 Santa believers revealed that with his humble nature, 27 percent of Santa would drive a pickup while another 25 percent would be behind the wheel of a SUV. Only four percent get around in a sports car.

As a person interested in helping others, he would work as a motivational speaker (24 percent) or, with his workshop experience, as a manufacturing manager (19 percent).

Forty-three percent would vote as an Independent. Guess that does away with the theory about Democrats being the giveaway party.

But here's the stinger: almost 100 percent are in trouble with Mrs. Claus.

Volunteer fire department receives grant

The Texas Forest Service has awarded the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department with a cost-sharing grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

The fire department received $1,400 toward training tuition for its department members.

"We're happy to have this grant," said Snyder fire marshal Cy Posey, "I have been to the training school at A&M three times and the training that the firemen will receive there is just invaluable."

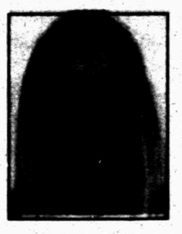
Over 15.4 million in grants for equipment and training have been awarded to volunteer fire departments since Sept. 1 of last year.

ASK US

Q—How do you get a handicap sticker for your car?

A—There are no stickers anymore, only placards or plates. You can fill out a form available at the tax office and a doctor must approve it.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



June Jones...

...a resident of Snyder for 22 years, is celebrating her 46th birthday today. She is married to Steve Jones and is the mother of James, Marcie, Rachel, Dawn, Denise, Alicia, Alexis, Marvin, Steve and Michelle. June has worked as a carrier for the Snyder Daily News for 18 years. Her favorite hobbies are bingo, working in her yard and being with her kids.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage can achieve everything.

—Sam Houston

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Drama booster club

The Drama Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the foyer of the SHS auditorium.

Scurry Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 tonight.

House decorating contest

The house decorating contest will be judged from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 17. To enter your home, contact the chamber at 573-3558.

Ira 2004 calendars

Ira's junior class is selling 2004 calendars featuring students from K-12. Cost is $10. Contact sponsors Vicki Flowers or Ron Baker at 573-2628 for orders. Deadline is Thursday for Christmas delivery.

GED test registration

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center on the campus of Western Texas College, Building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Sophomore family night out

Sophomore family night out will be Thursday at the Spanish Inn. You must present your coupon with your receipt. For more information, call Lynette Cooper at 573-1558.

G/T parents meeting

A meeting for parents of gifted and talented students will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at West Elementary auditorium.

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Line-up begins at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. For parade entries call 573-3558 for more information. Also, Santa will be at Towle Park from 4-6 p.m. Saturday. Anyone interested in having a booth in the park may call 573-9811.

Turkey Shoot

The Scurry County Rodeo Association will hold a Turkey Shoot from 10 a.m. until dark Saturday. All proceeds benefit the rodeo club. The cost is $4 per round. For more information contact L.J. Mueller at 573-3712.

Child welfare board fundraiser

The Scurry County child welfare board is offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandise. A donation of $10 per ticket is requested for a drawing to be held Saturday. Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 573-7053 or 573-2376.

Choir Christmas program

"The Christmas Suite" will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium by the combined choirs of Snyder High School, Snyder Junior High and West Elementary. The concert will follow a Christmas dessert buffet in the student center. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from any choir member.

SHS volleyball boosters

The SHS volleyball boosters will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday in the girls gym to plan the volleyball banquet set for Dec. 18.

Early Head Start's new building

Scurry Community Services invite you to the grand opening of Scurry County Early Head Start's new building at 2802 Second St. from 4-6 p.m. on next Tuesday.

LVN testing dates

Testing dates at WTC for LVN ASSET will be 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday and also on Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through Dec. 12. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Madrigal Christmas dinners

The annual Madrigal Christmas dinners presented by the SHS choral department will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 and can be obtained by calling 573-6301.

Smokey Bear posters

Smokey Bear posters for a contest sponsored by Snyder Garden Club must be turned in by Dec. 18 to classroom teachers or by calling Sandra Browning at 573-7277. Local winners will be announced in January and top posters will advance to the state contest.

Extra cookbooks available

Extra Home for the Holidays cookbooks can be purchased at the Scurry County Extension Office for $5 each.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $50 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

WTC Lions Club raffle

WTC Lions Club is selling chances for two spring season passes for either baseball or softball. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets are available from any WTC Lions Club member. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003

A number of changes are apt to be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Even though you may not initiate them, chances are you will welcome these alterations, because they'll turn out to be quite favorable for your position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Any situation that requires a managerial touch will be your cup of tea today. You're good on your own, but will be a stand out if you have a number of competent assistants to help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't get in the way today of people who are trying to bring under control a matter over which you have little or no command. They'll make sure everything will work out to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is a good day to make amends with an old friend who you've been neglecting lately. The measures you take will assure this person that she or he still means a lot to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today will be favorable, especially where your career or finances are concerned. However, it will be up to you to make the most of the opportunities as they develop.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Look to your past experiences for solutions to solve problems which confront you today. You possess the necessary knowledge that will get you over any current rough spots.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's best not to discuss any confidential or sensitive information you posses about the affairs of another with those who are not directly involved. Staying mum assures privacy and success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you have something beneficial to share today, first contact your old friends to see if they are interested in receiving it. They deserve the first option to take it or turn it down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It could prove important to give priority today and tomorrow to matters that can further your personal ambitions. At this time, this is the area where you will be the luckiest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Situations which others may find far too difficult to manage could turn out to be remarkably easy for you to handle today. Step into the breech when you see others floundering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Use your talents and abilities today to implement needed changes that you know would enhance the security of your entire family. The peace of mind it brings promotes accord and harmony.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This could be one of the better days to iron out matters of importance that affect both you and your mate. Your chances of finding better courses of action are currently excellent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Events triggered by someone who has previously been helpful could once again prove to be extremely useful in achieving material gains from others than your usual sources of income.

Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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Plague researcher cleared of most of the serious charges

LUBBOCK (AP) — A world-renowned plague researcher was cleared Monday of the most serious charges he faced related to a bioterrorism scare triggered when he reported plague samples missing from his Texas Tech University lab.

Dr. Thomas Butler, was convicted of 47 charges, but most of them stemmed from an investigation entirely separate from the plague scare.

The jury acquitted Butler of 22 charges accusing him of smuggling and illegally transporting the potentially deadly germ, as well as lying to federal agents.

Butler, 62, appeared stunned as the verdicts were read after two days of deliberations. He closed his eyes, shook his head and fought back tears. After the jury left the courtroom, Butler's wife and son hugged him tightly for several seconds.

The charges stemmed from his report to police Jan. 14 that 30 vials of the potentially deadly plague bacteria were missing from his lab. FBI agents rushed to Lubbock to investigate the scare, and President Bush was briefed about the incident.

In a statement written later, Butler said he accidentally destroyed the samples. However, during his trial he testified that he had no clear memory of destroying the vials but that they could have been destroyed during his cleanup of an accident in January.

Butler declined to comment after the verdict.

The jury of nine men and three women also cleared him of smuggling plague samples into the United States in April 2002 and illegally transporting them to federal facilities.

"We are pleased that Tom was found not guilty of lying to the FBI. We are particularly pleased the jury found him not guilty of perpetuating a hoax regarding his report of the missing plague vials," defense lawyer Chuck Meadows said.

Butler was found guilty of 44 theft, embezzlement, fraud, and mail and wire fraud charges pertaining to shadow contracts prosecutors claimed he had illegally negotiated with pharmaceutical companies with which he also had clinical studies contracts. Butler was acquitted of 10 similar charges.

Beginning Wednesday, Texans can buy Mega Millions tickets

AUSTIN — Texas becomes the eleventh state to offer *Mega Millions*™ tickets, when sales for the multi-state game start in Texas, Wednesday morning at 6 a.m.

"With *Mega Millions* on Tuesdays and Fridays, and *Lotto Texas* on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Texas players can now play a big jackpot game four nights a week," said Reagan E. Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

In the past year, *Mega Millions* jackpots have averaged $42.3 million. The largest *Mega Millions* jackpot was $183 million.

Lotto Texas™ was the Texas Lottery's first big jackpot game and just marked its eleventh anniversary last month. Like *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas* has a different matrix than when the game started in 1992.

Today's *Lotto Texas* jackpots start at $4 million and have gone as high as $85 million. The odds of winning a Lotto jackpot are 1in 47.7 million. Overall odds of winning a prize in Lotto are 1 in 57.

By adding *Mega Millions* to its product line-up, the Texas Lottery expects increase revenues the Texas Lottery generates for public education in Texas.

Texans join *Mega Millions* players in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Washington.

Mega Millions drawings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Each play costs a dollar. To play *Mega Millions*, players choose 5 numbers from 1 to 52, and one Mega Ball number from a second field of numbers from 1 to 52. Players must match the five numbers plus the Mega Ball to win the jackpot, which starts at $10 million and increases until it is won.

The odds of winning the *Mega Millions* jackpot are one in approximately 135 million. The overall odds of winning any prize in *Mega Millions* are 1-in-43.

In joining *Mega Millions*, Texas added its own twist to the game. For an extra dollar, Texas players will have the option of multiplying their non-grand/jackpot prize winnings two, three or four times through an add-on feature called the Megaplier.™

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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-18-23-24-27.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $47,858.

Winning tickets sold in: Seven Points, Food Rite Seven Points, 715 S. Seven Points Dr.

Matching four of five: 182. Prize: $118.

Matching three of five: 5,036. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 52,197. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Using Japanese gift-wrapping during holidays

In Japanese culture, the wrapping and presentation of a gift is often more important than the purchase. Christine Fritsch, gift-wrapping expert and previous winner of a national gift-wrapping contest, experienced this firsthand while living in Japan. "Through the many symbolisms used when wrapping-from how many folds are in the paper, to the color of the paper-I learned that wrapping the gift and the spirit in which it is done are just as important as the gift itself."

What makes Japanese gift-wrapping so unique? Here's some basic information about the art of Japanese gift-wrapping, along with some tips from Fritsch on how you can incorporate these ideas into your holiday wrapping.

The Japanese word for "wrapping" is TSUTSUMI, which means "to refrain" or "to be discreet or moderate." In essence, the Japanese style of gift-wrapping can be summarized as "less is more."

Following are some ways you can achieve the "less is more" approach in your gift-wrapping:

• Instead of wrapping paper with a festive design, consider using kraft paper or solid-colored wrapping paper. Sometimes the simplest-wrapped package is the most visually appealing.

• In lieu of bows and lots of ribbon, accentuate the wrapped package with nature elements, such as pine cones or holly sprigs.

In Japanese gift-wrapping, pleats are made in the wrapping paper to symbolize the significance of the occasion. An odd number of pleats represent a happy occasion, while an even number of pleats signifies mourning or sadness.

Try this technique to add an odd number of pleats to your presents:

• Wrap the box as you would normally.

• From the same roll of wrapping paper, cut a piece of paper that's roughly twice the size of what you needed to wrap the gift.

• Fold the sheet of paper in half lengthwise.

• Pleat the paper by folding the sheet "back and forth" along the longest edge, making each creased section approximately ½-inch wider than the crease before. (Pleating paper is just like making a paper fan when you were a child.)

• Wrap the strip of pleated paper around the box, and affix the two ends to the bottom with Scotch pop-up tape.

To learn more about Japanese gift-wrapping, visit www.scotchtape.com. And if you want help wrapping your odd-shaped items this year, call the first-ever gift-wrapping tips hotline at 1-866-HOW-2-WRAP. Staffed by previous winners and contestants from the Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper Contest, the hotline will be open on Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and on Dec. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Pleats are used in Japanese gift-wrapping to symbolize the significance of the occasion. Dress up your holiday gifts by putting an odd number of pleats on your wrapped presents.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-02-03
♠ A Q J
♥ Q 3
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ A K 5 2

West
♠ K 7 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ 10 7 6

East
♠ 10 9 8 5 3
♥ 4
♦ 10 8
♣ Q J 9 8 3

South
♠ 6 2
♥ A J 10 9 8 6 5
♦ A 5 3
♣ 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003

The enigma wrapped in winners

By Phillip Alder

The finesse is a straightforward technique: You try to win a trick with a card lower than the best held by the opponents. As you know, in theory, a simple finesse is a 50-50 proposition. But occasionally there will be deals like this one. You have blasted into six hearts. West leads the diamond king. How would you plan the play?

South used the Gerber ace-asking convention to make sure that there weren't two aces missing. Still, to drive that nine-count to slam was optimistic.

You can immediately throw one diamond loser on dummy's second top club. But which major-suit finesse should you risk?

Suppose you take the trump finesse and it wins. How many tricks do you have? One spade, seven hearts, one diamond and two clubs — only 11. So, you still need the spade finesse to work. Next, suppose you take a successful spade finesse. How many tricks do you have? Three spades, six hearts, one diamond and two clubs — 12!

After winning with the diamond ace, take a spade finesse. If it loses, you will go two or three down. But when it wins, call for the heart queen, tempting East to cover. When he plays low, though, go up with the heart ace, repeat the spade finesse, and cash dummy's black-suit winners, discarding your two diamond losers.

The finesse, as we have just seen, can be enigmatic. The mystery of the Sphinx is often called an enigma. Sir Winston Churchill said that Russia was a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. But in bridge, clear thinking and counting usually solve this enigma.

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Bishop found in China

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop in China who had been missing for six years was hospitalized under police guard, a U.S.-based monitoring group reported. The church is illegal in China.

Su Zhimin, recognized by the Vatican as bishop of Baoding, was taken to that northern city's Central Hospital around Nov. 15 for an eye operation and treatment of a heart ailment, the Cardinal Kung Foundation said.

Su, believed to be 71, was guarded by 20 plainclothes police officers and not formally registered as a patient, the U.S. group said.

SGC to sponsor poster contest

The Snyder Garden Club is sponsoring a poster contest for first through fifth grades using Smokey Bear's 60th Birthday theme in 2004.

The SGC, in an agreement with the National Garden Club, will focus the poster contest in the figure of America's icon for Wildfire prevention — Smokey Bear.

Elementary teachers will cooperate with the SGC in informing the children, and home schooled children are invited to enter as well.

Posters are due on Dec. 18. Winning posters will be sent by the garden club to state competition with cash prizes.

More information on entering the contest may be obtained by calling SGC president Sandra Browning at 573-7277.

Garden club members will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at the home of BeBe Boren, 3001 Ave. U, followed by a potl]uck luncheon and a program by Anna Sears. Anna will show her collection of nativity scenes from other countries.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club Christmas luncheon and meeting; in the home of BeBe Boren, 3001 Ave. U; meeting at 10:30 and luncheon at 11:30; program by Anna Sears.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Organizing tips for hectic holiday season

SIDNEY, NY — The falling leaves, the chill in the air, wool sweaters and frost on the windshield...yes, the end of the year is rapidly approaching. The final challenge is to make it through the holidays without losing one's mind — a daunting task as we all know. Renée King, time-management and organizing expert with AT-A-GLANCE, the leading manufacturer of calendars and organizing products, and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Professional Organizers, offers the following tips and suggestions to help individuals get organized during the hectic holiday season.

Stay ahead of the game — Shop early for holiday gifts rather than cramming all your shopping into a short time before the holidays. By shopping early, you will have a better selection to choose from, can avoid many holiday traffic delays and can even take advantage of pre-holiday sale prices. Also, make a list of what you are planning to purchase, and for whom. Using a list will help you to avoid overspending.

Avoid the cash crunch — Start a separate savings account just for holiday spending. Many banks offer "Christmas Clubs" or other types of savings plans that allow you to deposit from your paycheck on a regular basis. This helps avoid a last minute cash crunch or credit card overload.

Makin' a list, checkin' it twice – Use an address book or planner to keep a running list of those you plan to send holiday cards to. By keeping track each year, you avoid having to start the list from scratch.

Hey Mr. Postman — Buy plenty of postage stamps early to avoid waiting in long lines at the post office. Also, be sure to mail any gifts or packages early, at least 2-3 weeks in advance of the holidays — you will avoid long lines at the post office and save money by not paying for last minute expedite shipping services. Save time on your holiday cards by using self-adhesive return address labels. These labels are inexpensive and are usually available in holiday designs.

On the road again — Make travel plans well in advance to take advantage of early booking discounts and seat availability. If driving, have your vehicle serviced well in advance of your trip to avoid unfortunate breakdowns.

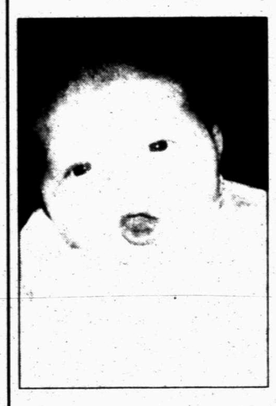
Holiday feast — Prepare some of your holiday foods in advance and store them in your freezer. In addition, plan your holiday meal in advance and make a list of all the supplies that you will need to shop for to avoid multiple trips to the store. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help, or to accept a hand in preparing the holiday meal. It's no imposition to ask those that will be attending to prepare a dish to bring with them, such as hors d'oeuvres or desserts.

Get the kids involved — Children love to know that they are important, so give them some responsibility. Allow them to help set the table before the meal, clear the table after the meal, and dry and put away the dishes.

The bottom line is planning and preparing in advance. The more you get done before the holiday season really kicks in, the less you will have to fight the traffic, crowds and lines — and you can enjoy the holiday season without the stress.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

Birth Announcement



Evan Tate Campbell

was born November 20, 2003 at 4:31 p.m. in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital to Phillip and Lindsey Campbell. Evan weighed 10 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by his brother, Tyler.

Grandparents are Steve Campbell of Snyder, Gale Northcott of Ira and Steve and Sylvia Northcott of Andrews.

Great-grandparents are James and Dorris Northcott of Snyder, Udell White of Ira and Sylvia Campbell of Snyder.

Births

Jeff and Pepper Franklin announce the birth of their twins, a boy and a girl, on Nov. 6 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Avery Renay Franklin was born at 12:08 p.m. weighing 3.2 pounds and was 16 inches long; and Evan Jeffrey Franklin was born at 12:09 p.m. weighing 3.6 pounds and was 16½ inches long.

Grandparents are E.L. and Linda Franklin of Snyder and Bill and Duffy Hinkle of Lubbock.

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Whose Son is the Christ?

They had asked him many questions. Matthew 22 records a long session of questions and answers between Jesus and the Sadducees and Pharisees. The questions were not particularly good questions. They were questions that both groups were using to try to discredit Jesus or find a basis for a charge against him. The Pharisees first asked Jesus whether it was right to pay taxes to Rome. Whatever answer he gave could have created a problem with the people or the government. He answered with wisdom. The Sadducees came to Jesus next. Their question was on marriage and the resurrection. It was a difficult question, they thought, but Jesus answered it well. The Pharisees came back next with another question. This was an important one. "What is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus' answer is well known. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Jesus then had one question for them. "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" (Matthew 22: 42). They answered quickly. They knew he was the descendant of David, the famous king of Israel. Jesus then points them to a prophecy about the Christ, Psalm 110. Jesus' question is simple. "He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him Lord." (Matthew 22: 43). How could David call one of his descendants, "Lord." We know the answer now. He called the Christ "Lord" because he was not just his descendant but the very Son of God.

Whose son is Jesus? If we answer that question right and really believe the answer, it helps us answer many other questions. If you have not done so, why not begin reading the Bible, especially the New Testament. Read to find what is there and ask yourself this question, "Do I believe Jesus is really the Son of God." It is the most important question you will ever answer.

Dale Huff

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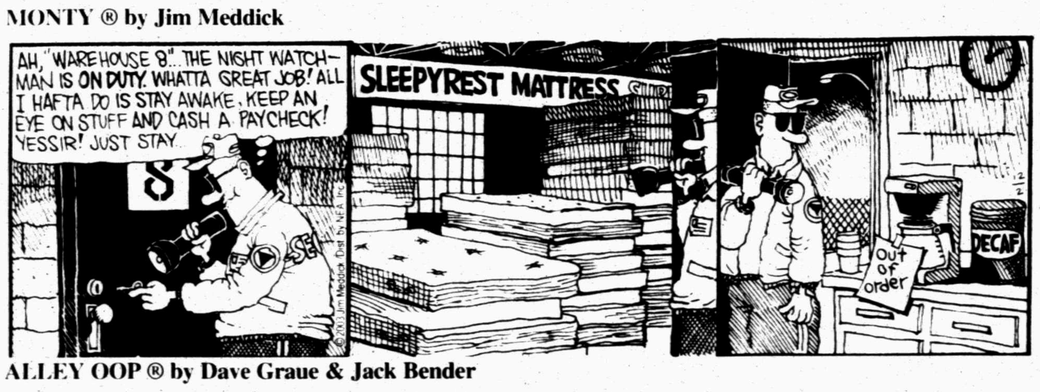

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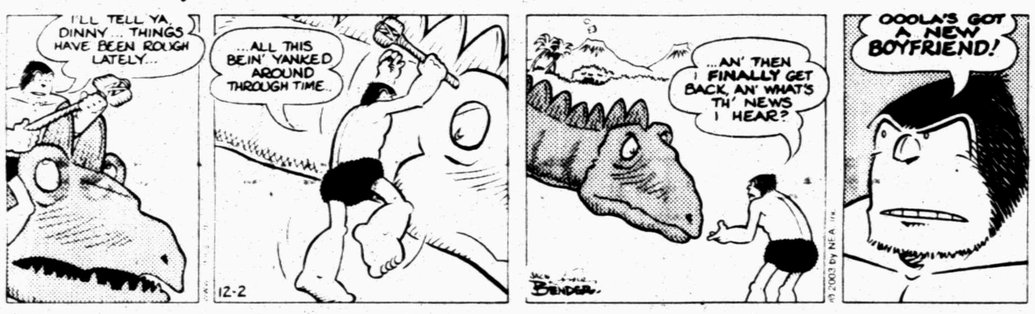

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55 Caviar
57 Rover's treat
61 Kimono material
62 Literary compilation
63 High spirits
64 Double curve
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66 Society newcomers

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2 Mouths, in biology
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4 Cortes foe
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8 Marx or Malden
9 Staring at
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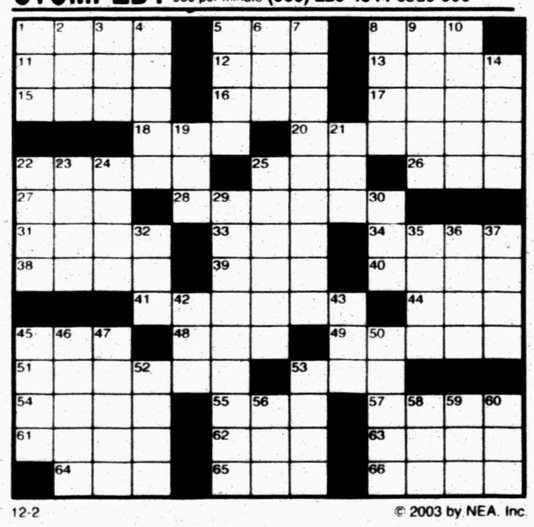

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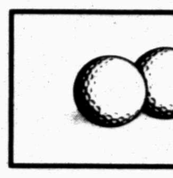

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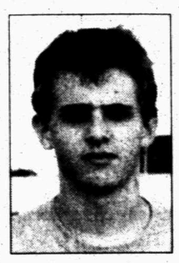
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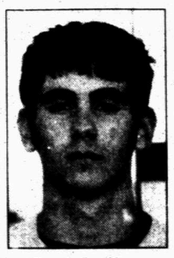
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Offensive MVP — **Jake Barnes, Ira**

Defensive MVP — **Wes Kellner, Ira**

Six-Man All-Stars — **Jake Barnes,** Marcus Calderon

First Team Offense

Tight End — Jake Barnes, Ira; Bosco Covington, Highland

Split End — George Davila, Loraine; Anthony Esquivel, Loraine; Jordan Johnson, Westbrook

Center — **Brandon Graves, Ira**

Quarterback — **Wes Kellner, Ira**

Running Back — Ryan Lucas, Loraine; **Joel Lollar, Ira**; Ryan Adkins, Highland

Utility — **Caleb Gutierrez, Ira**

Kicker — **Wes Kellner, Ira**

Specialist — Ryan Adkins, Highland

First Team Defense

Defensive Line — **Jake Barnes, Ira**; Corey Gillespie, Highland; Josiah Hannon, Westbrook; **Brandon Graves, Ira**

Linebacker — **Caleb Gutierrez, Ira**; David Padilla, Highland

Cornerback — **Jess Wall, Ira**; **Joel Lollar, Ira**; Ryan Adkins, Highland

Safety — **Wes Kellner, Ira**; George Davila, Loraine, Trey Chavez, Westbrook

Punter — Anthony Esquivel, Loraine

Second Team Offense

Tight End — Scott Baxter, Highland; D.J. Vanderpool, Loraine

Split End — Logan Truelove, Westbrook; **Shane Berry, Hermleigh**

Center — Corey Gillespie, Highland

Quarterback — Ryan Dunn, Highland

Running Back — Jared Matlock, Westbrook; Marcus Calderon, Highland; Josiah Hannon, Westbrook; **Jess Wall, Ira**

Utility — **Jonathon McClure, Hermleigh**; David Robertson, Trent

Kicker — Bosco Covington, Highland

Specialist — **Justin Taylor, Ira**

Second Team Defense

Defensive Line — **Robby Anderson, Hermleigh**; **Coby Appleton, Ira**; Jose Delgado, Loraine

Linebacker — Ryan Lucas, Loraine; David Robertson, Trent; Jared Matlock, Westbrook

Cornerback — Scott Baxter, Highland; Derrick Chappa, Trent

Safety — **Keenon Garcia, Hermleigh**; Ty Basye, Highland; Cory Olson, Trent

Punter — Jared Matlock, Trent

Honorable Mention

Bubba Walker, Ira

Jets deliver message in victory over Titans

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Jets know they almost certainly will head home in four weeks, while the Tennessee Titans go to the playoffs. So a prime-time meeting with one of the NFL's best teams was the perfect opportunity for the Jets to deliver a message.

That message came through loud and clear Monday night in New York's 24-17 victory.

"We wanted to come out on Monday night and show we could play with the best teams in the league and show what we are made of," said Sam Garnes, who had an interception in the Jets' impressive win.

"We've been clicking lately and we wanted to come in and prove what type of team we are," added Curtis Conway, whose best game as a Jet included a superb touchdown catch for the winning points. "We're not looking beyond anything or anyone. You can't look at what-ifs and what happened. We just want to keep winning games and win out if we can.

"This was Monday night against Tennessee, which is having a great year, and we rallied together."

While the Jets (5-7) showed offensive balance and made big plays defensively, they also prevented the Titans (9-3) from taking over first place alone in the AFC South. Tennessee is tied with Indianapolis, which visits Nashville on Sunday.

The Titans need a much better performance then if they hope to move in front of the Colts. They can't afford two first-half interceptions or silly penalties such as for a simulated throat slash by Samari Rolle on his end-zone pickoff that wound up being reversed after a video review.

"It wasn't what the Jets were doing," insisted Steve McNair, who went the whole way despite coming off a calf injury. "It was more what we did to ourselves. The first half, we had too many turnovers. We stopped ourselves in a lot of drives."

Give New York's beleaguered defense some credit for that against the league's top-rated passer. In addition to interceptions by Garnes and Tyrone Carter, the Jets had three sacks and were making their hits count.

"They tackled better than we've seen," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "I thought their tackling was the difference tonight."

So was the accuracy of Chad Pennington, the running of Curtis Martin that loosened up the defense, and some clutch catches by Conway, Santana Moss and Kevin Swayne.

Conway had five receptions for 78 yards, Moss made three for 76 and Swayne caught his first career TD pass — also his first catch of the year. Each had a reception of at least 27 yards.

SJHS cagers have mixed results

The Snder Junior High boys basketball teams split with Andrews Monday, with both Gold teams rolling to big victories and both Black teams suffering narrow losses.

The eighth-grade Gold squad got 12 points from Ryan Claxton and eight each from Lance Day and Blane Knipe in a 49-23 win.

Brooks Gafford added seven, Brent Bollinger and Allen Jones posted four each for the Tigers.

Colton Brewster, Dustin Murdock and Travis Hatfield each added two points.

The seventh-graders used 16 points from Jesse Conner to cruise to a 51-26 victory. Gage West and Tony Perales combined for 16 more points, while Jared Cave and Riley Davis knocked in six points each.

Kasey Young contributed three, and Greg Williams and Emmanuel Hernandez each put in a field goal.

Chad Franks led the eighth-grade Black team with six points in a 31-24 loss.

Josh Ornales and Curry Lee had four points each, while Ryan Gonzales, Troy Linebarger, Craig Robertson and James Simmons hit key buckets.

Luke Robertson and Preston Munson each hit a free throw.

The seventh-grade Black team also fell shy to Andrews, 31-24.

Josh Sorrells and Gabriel Acosta paced the team with six points, and Taylor Davidson added four for Snyder.

David Strayhorn and Zane Berryhill added two each.

All four teams play Monday at Merkel, starting at 5 p.m.

The Snyder junior high Lady Tigers took one of four games against Andrews Monday.

The seventh-grade 'A' team drubbed Andrews, 37-17, behind a game-high 10 points from Erma Rodriguez.

Brittney Mitchell added eight points and three boards, while Shaquita Sneed posted six points and grabbed four boards.

Brittney Webb pulled down six boards and added five points for the junior high Lady Tigers, while Briana Bryant hit a pair of field goals for four points. She also recorded three rebounds.

Jessica Bilderback and Veronica Solano each had two points and Teryn Sullenger collected a pair of rebounds.

The eighth-grade 'A' squad lost a close decision, 30-27, despite eight points and 10 boards from Audrey Jones, who also swiped two steals.

Caylea Rhodes paced the team with nine points, adding two boards and two steals.

Alex Urias collected four points, and Devin Davidson, Jordan Derryberry and Kelly Holdren put in two apeice.

Both 'B' teams fell Monday to Andrews.

The eighth-graders fell, 27-7. Amanda Martinez tallied three points and five rebounds, and Heather Garza had two points and two boards.

The seventh-grade 'B' team lost to Andrews, 21-12. Ashley Swigert and Ryanna Alexander had three points each, and Heather Vasquez added two.

IJHS falls to Sands

The Sands Junior High Mustangs stopped the Ira Junior High girls Monday, 31-24.

Lady Bulldog Rebecca Juarez led all scorers with 13 points, and Kaci Waller contributed nine in a losing effort. Kayla Pittman added two points for Ira Junior High, which will next play Monday at 6 p.m. at Dawson.

Men's League Basketball

American State Bank got 26 points each from Bryan Cave and Russell Gafford to blast Rotan, 104-53. Jason Wishert led Rotan with 16 points.

West Texas State Bank stayed in first place with an 84-76 win over Big Country. Ryan Braziel had a game-high 19, and Billy Luna paced Big Country with 11 points.

WTSB	**7**	**1**
SNB	**5**	**2**
ASB	**6**	**3**
Rotan	**1**	**7**
Big Country	**1**	**7**

Mississippi St. hires first black head coach in SEC

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi State athletic director Larry Templeton hired Sylvester Croom because he believes the longtime NFL assistant can lead the troubled Bulldogs out of the Southeastern Conference cellar.

In the process, Mississippi State made SEC history.

Croom became the first black head football coach in the Southeastern Conference on Monday when he accepted an offer to take over the Bulldogs.

"The issue of opportunities for minority coaches to become head football coaches is an issue for everybody, all the conferences in the country," SEC commissioner Mike Slive said. "The fact that the SEC has now provided that opportunity makes it a historic day for the conference and for Mississippi State."

Croom informed Templeton that he would take the job less than 24 hours after Templeton said he had offered it. A news conference will be held Tuesday to introduce the Bulldogs' new coach.

"We went after the best football coach and we're confident we found that individual in Sylvester Croom," Templeton said.

Croom, 49, has never been a head coach, but has been an NFL assistant with five teams since 1987 and worked for Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins at Alabama from 1977-86. He has been running backs coach with the Green Bay Packers since 2001.

The SEC's hiring history came under increased scrutiny earlier this year when Croom was passed over for the top job at his alma mater, Alabama, in favor of Mike Shula, another former Crimson Tide player, who is white.

Every other BCS conference has had at least one black head coach, but a lack of diversity among major college football head coaches is not exclusive to the SEC.

There were only four black head football coaches among 117 Division I-A football schools this season.

Alabama was criticized by some, including civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, for not hiring Croom, who had more experience than Shula.

Jackson said Croom's hiring is a positive step for the SEC, but the league still lags in minority hirings at high-profile positions such as athletic director and university president.

"So while this is a breakthrough, we're really way behind our potential," Jackson said. "But I think Mississippi State, its president and its athletic director deserve congratulations and I extend that to them."

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity boys at Lubbock High, 6 p.m.
Snyder JV and varsity girls at Lubbock High, 6 p.m.
Ira JV and varsity boys at Roscoe, 5:15 p.m.
Ira JV and varsity girls at Roscoe, 4 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls vs. Lueders, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney
Snyder varsity girls at Lamesa tourney
Ira varsity boys and girls in Oak Creek Classic, Blackwell

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney
Snyder varsity girls at Lamesa tourney
Snyder JV boys in Snyder JV tournament
Ira varsity boys and girls in Oak Creek Classic, Blackwell
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls in Wilson tourney
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney
Snyder varsity girls at Lamesa tourney
Snyder JV boys in Snyder JV tournament
Ira varsity boys and girls in Oak Creek Classic, Blackwell
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls in Wilson tourney
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio

Sports Briefs

UTEP axes Nord, staff

EL PASO (AP) — Texas-El Paso football coach Gary Nord and his entire staff were fired Monday after compiling a 14-34 record in four years. Earlier this season, Nord said he would keep his job even if his team lost all 13 games on the schedule.

The former WAC Coach of the Year coached the Miners to a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship and a spot in the Humanitarian Bowl in 2000.

Sexson sent to D-backs in nine-player deal

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired slugger Richie Sexson from Milwaukee in a nine-player deal that sends infielder Craig Counsell, second baseman Junior Spivey and others to the Brewers.

LSU narrows gap with USC

LSU narrowed Southern California's lead for second place in the BCS standings but still needs some help to play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Trojans (11-1) hold a 1.53-point lead over the Tigers (11-1) going into the final week of the regular season, down from 2.15 a week ago.

TCU accepts invite to Fort Worth Bowl

FORT WORTH (AP) — The 19th-ranked TCU Horned Frogs (11-1) accepted an invitation Monday night to play in the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl against an undetermined opponent.

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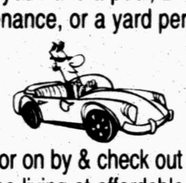

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Today's chuckle

2 National Guard soldiers wed at Wal-Mart

WEST BURLINGTON, Iowa (AP) — A pair of National Guard soldiers were married among the plastic smiling snowmen, lighted reindeer and holiday poinsettias of the Wal-Mart store where they worked, met and fell in love.

Brett Hamilton and Erin Sapp were married last week after the bride-to-be received orders signaling a likely deployment to the Middle East.

"This wasn't what we would have wanted for them," said Sapp's mother, Sheila. "But I told them we'd support them any way we can."

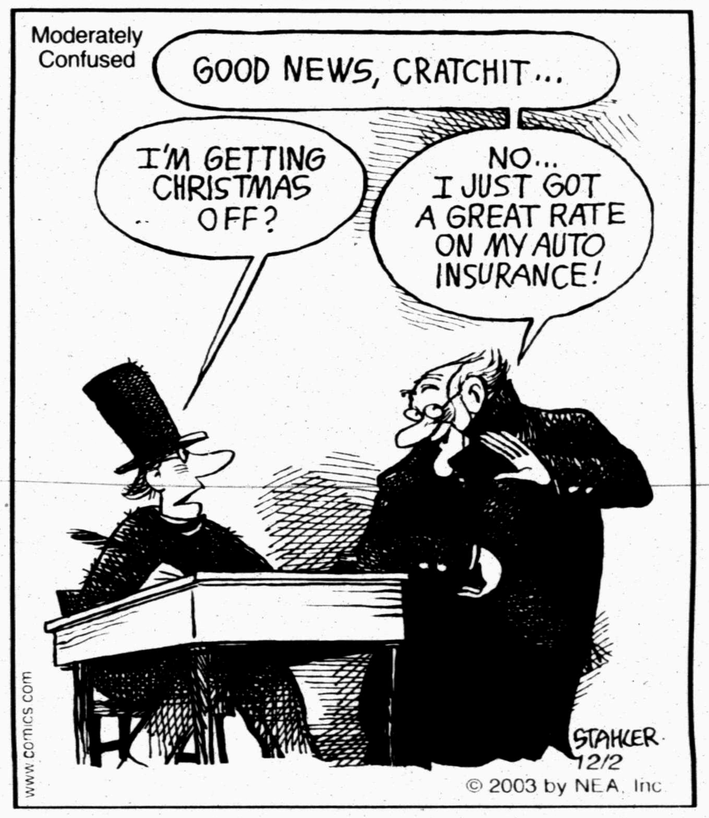
Hamilton, who planned to ask Sapp to marry him this summer, moved up his plans after she received orders to report for training Dec. 1. Sapp said deployment to the Middle East is likely after training is completed.

Hamilton, who works in the Wal-Mart car care department, and Sapp, a floral department employee, are members of the National Guard's 224th Engineering Battalion.

They hastily arranged the ceremony with Dan Davis, the store manager.

Dozens of Wal-Mart employees wearing blue vests emblazoned with "How Can I Help You?" wept, cheered and smiled the two were married. The bride and groom wore their dress Army uniforms.

Hamilton and Sapp have planned a larger wedding celebration when she returns home.



Four charged in death of Fort Hays student

HAYS, Kan. (AP) — Prosecutors on Monday charged three Fort Hays State University football players — two of them from Texas — and a fourth man in the beating death of another student last month.

Charged with second-degree murder were football players Bradley Deary, a 21-year-old junior from Smithville, Texas; Luis Llamas, 23, a senior from San Diego; and Christopher Ross, 19, a freshman from Wylie, Texas, with second-degree murder.

Also charged by Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline and Ellis County Attorney Tom Drees was Fort Hays student Jaime Lopez III, 23, a senior from Chula Vista, Calif.

All four are accused of killing Clint Johnson, 18, of Healy, a freshman business major who was beaten in a Nov. 13 fight at an apartment complex north of the campus. Johnson died two days later at a Wichita hospital.

Deary, Llamas, Ross and Lopez were being held Monday in the Ellis County Jail on $50,000 bond. If convicted, they face between nine and 41 years in prison.

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Maxwell will prosecute the case with Drees.

Llamas is a 6-foot-5, 245-pound linebacker who transferred to Fort Hays State this year from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.93	12.46	12.50	— .42
AT&T Corp	20.35	20.10	20.19	— .16
Albertsons	20.96	20.70	20.76	— .32
Alltel	44.99	44.80	44.91	— .24
AmEl Pw	27.97	27.70	27.97	+ .17
AndarkPtr	46.17	45.75	46.09	+ .47
ATMOS Egy	24.87	24.71	24.73	— .03
Aviall	15.99	15.86	15.88	+ .05
BP PLC	43.16	42.80	42.87	— .33
BakerHughes	29.32	28.99	29.32	+ .39
Bank of Amer	76.65	76.30	76.39	+ .04
BellSouth	26.71	26.20	26.70	+ .34
BurlNoSFe	30.20	29.95	30.15	— .04
Caterpillar	76.54	75.70	75.75	— 1.04
CenterPoint	9.85	9.75	9.81	+ .01
ChevronTex	76.00	75.58	75.94	+ .24
Citigroup	47.71	47.10	47.29	— .27
CocaCola	46.99	46.59	46.64	— .38
ColgatePal	53.02	52.85	52.90	
CmclMetals	26.05	25.90	25.91	— .14
ConocoPhill	58.40	57.91	58.35	+ .38
Cooper Inds	55.07	54.65	54.98	— .02
DaimlrChry	38.66	38.37	38.47	— .24
DeltaAirl	12.55	12.04	12.05	— .40
Dillards Inc	17.11	16.66	16.67	— .39
DowChem	38.80	38.40	38.47	— .03
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EastmanChem	36.99	36.72	36.97	+ .05
EstKodak	24.27	23.77	23.79	— .47
EDS Corp	22.48	22.21	22.47	+ .27
Entergy	55.00	53.85	54.45	+ 1.10
ExxonMobil	36.50	36.27	36.38	— .01
FootLocker	22.39	22.25	22.28	— .26
GenDynam	81.40	81.01	81.30	— .18
GenElec	29.15	28.95	29.11	+ .08
GenMills	45.39	45.15	45.27	— .12
GenMotors	43.33	42.92	43.28	+ .15
GaPacific	28.22	27.59	28.18	+ .42
Goodrich	27.59	27.40	27.45	— .05
Goodyear	6.86	6.75	6.78	— .03
GtAtlPac	7.50	7.37	7.46	+ .09
Halliburtn	23.54	23.32	23.53	+ .14
Hanson PLC	35.05	34.78	34.90	— .10
HarteHanks	21.79	21.52	21.76	— .04
HomeDepot	36.58	36.20	36.22	— .48
HoneywellIntl	30.00	29.55	29.62	— .43
IBM	91.24	90.52	90.98	— .03
IntlPaper	38.96	38.39	38.80	+ .05
JohnsonJn	49.60	49.10	49.12	— .38
KinderMorg	55.87	55.48	55.56	— .18
Kroger Co	18.53	18.23	18.28	— .25
LockheedM	46.33	46.01	46.17	— .15
Lowes Cos	58.59	58.13	58.15	— .47
Lubys	3.94	3.85	3.87	— .07
LucentTech	3.20	3.13	3.16	— .04
MarathonOil	30.19	29.97	30.13	+ .08
MayDeptStr	29.84	29.58	29.74	— .06
Medtronic	46.20	45.76	46.08	+ .08
Motorola	14.19	14.03	14.09	— .04
NCR Corp	35.17	34.89	35.07	— .04
Navistar	42.89	41.08	41.81	— 1.64
PNM Rescs	28.25	28.05	28.09	+ .04
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PilgrimsPride	15.30	15.04	15.07	— .03
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TXU Corp	22.60	22.30	22.39	+ .11
TempleInland	59.19	58.33	58.88	+ .28
TexInd	30.05	29.84	29.89	— .21
TexasInst	30.19	29.82	29.92	— .26
Textron	50.79	50.44	50.75	+ .10
TimeWarner	16.68	16.30	16.67	+ .18
TrinityInds	27.00	26.51	26.67	— .30
TylerTech	8.80	8.56	8.76	+ .19
UnionPacif	64.69	64.35	64.49	— .29
USSteel	25.87	25.51	25.56	— .31
UnitedTech	87.44	87.02	87.39	
Unocal	32.07	31.88	31.94	— .06
VerizonComm	32.76	32.54	32.59	— .18
WalMart	54.90	53.80	53.82	— .68
WellsFargo	57.75	57.52	57.59	— .16
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK — West Elementary students of the week for Nov. 17-21 are from left, Beatrice Madrid, Arielle Huddleston, Stephen Kelly and Marissa Sanchez. (Contributed Photo)

Second Disney director quits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A key ally of former Walt Disney Co. vice chairman Roy E. Disney resigned from the company's board Monday, becoming the second vocal opponent of chairman and CEO Michael Eisner to step down in two days.

Stanley Gold issued a long rebuke to Eisner and the board, seconding complaints made Sunday by Roy Disney and further criticizing the board as being a rubber stamp to senior management. Gold also repeated Roy Disney's calls for Eisner to resign.

The two former board members told The Associated Press on Monday they will speak with large shareholders, financial analysts and the public for the first time to air the company's problems.

Gold accused the board of being too cozy with Eisner, despite the departure of several key Eisner allies over the past year.

"At the end of the day there was no hope of doing anything," Gold said. "They are all solid in Michael's pocket."

Gold said it was too early to decide whether he and Roy Disney would mount a formal challenge by seeking allies among large shareholders who could force a proxy fight.

A group of Disney directors described Gold's statements as "untrue and unwarranted."

"Because the Board ... has refused to accept their principal recommendation to replace management, Mr. Gold and Mr. Disney have chosen their current destructive course of action," the directors' statement said.

Roy Disney, the nephew of company co-founder Walt Disney, said he is dismayed by rides at Disney theme parks that don't work, rising prices being paid by consumers for Disney products, and movies that carry more objectionable content.

"It's all about my name on it," Roy Disney said.

Roy Disney, 73, stepped down from the board of directors on Sunday and resigned as chairman of Walt Disney Animation.

But the resignations may have little immediate impact on the company, which has shown progress fueled by improvements at its movie studio, ABC Television network and even at its theme parks, which are gradually recovering from a worldwide tourism slump.

Paul Kim, senior media analyst at Tradition Asiel Securities, said Eisner, 61, has had to focus on boosting the company's share price, which has meant cutting costs and not spending millions of dollars on new theme park rides or television programming.

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Homeland calls off registration program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Homeland Security is ending a program begun after the Sept. 11 terror attacks that required tens of thousands of mostly Middle Eastern men and boys to register with the government, officials said Monday.

Asa Hutchinson, the undersecretary for border and transportation security, said the department would focus more on individuals instead of "broad categories" of people. He said the program could be used again if there was another terrorist attack linked to a foreign country.

Hutchinson said the decision to "terminate" the program, which administration officials had hinted at last week, was not influenced by the harsh criticism by advocacy groups for people targeted and civil rights organizations.

The National Security Entry Exit Registration System, or NSEERS, required men and boys from 25 countries to be fingerprinted, photographed and interviewed at U.S. immigration offices. About 83,500 people complied and some were deported, usually for overstaying visas.

The program was targeted at men and boys from countries in the Middle East and other areas with an active al-Qaida presence, and intended to help assure the government that no known terrorists were in this country.

Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003

Today is the 336th day of 2003 and the 71st day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte won what is widely considered his greatest victory, the battle of Austerlitz.

In 1823, President James Monroe proclaimed the "Monroe Doctrine."

In 1927, Henry Ford introduced his new Model A.

In 1942, scientists in Chicago, led by Enrico Fermi, created history's first nuclear chain reaction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Maria Callas (1923-1977), opera singer; Lucy Liu (1968-), actress, is 35; Monica Seles (1973-), tennis player, is 30; Britney Spears (1981-), singer, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1972, Southern California running back Anthony Davis scored six touchdowns in a game against Notre Dame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you're comfortable with someone you love, the silence is the best." — Britney Spears

TODAY'S FACT: March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war, because the end of winter, for the Romans, meant that war could begin again.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 4,600 — estimated population of the American colonies in 1630.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 30) and full moon (Dec. 8).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Marriage offers protection for couple starting family

DEAR ABBY: Our 32-year-old daughter was raised in a home with traditional values. She was excited when she got engaged last February to the fellow she was living with. We began making wedding plans.

Her interest in the wedding began to wane. On a recent visit she stated that a marriage certificate was just a piece of paper, and they don't need to be married to be committed to each other or to have children. Her fiance told us that giving their children love would be enough.

We don't understand why she changed her mind about marriage in such a short period of time. They are talking about having children, so please answer soon. What can we say to make her see the importance of traditional family life? — **WORRIED MOM, ROSWELL, GA.**

DEAR WORRIED: You are overdue for a frank talk with your daughter. Why on earth is she planning to have children with someone she wouldn't want to marry?

A marriage certificate is far more than a "piece of paper." Your letter brings to mind one that appeared in this column in 1996. Its message bears repeating. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Many couples who live together without marriage say, "We don't need a piece of paper to make our commitment to each other binding. A piece of paper doesn't mean a thing!"

WRONG! May I point out that when a person buys an automobile he had better have that "piece of paper" or he could be in a lot of trouble.

Also, a driver's license may be "just a piece of paper," but you'd better not be caught driving without it.

When a person buys a home or any other piece of property, he makes sure that he has that "piece of paper."

And when a person graduates from high school, college or trade school, that "piece of paper" can make the difference between getting a job or not getting one.

We live our lives with pieces of paper, beginning with a birth certificate and ending with a death certificate. And let's not forget the will — another very important piece of paper.

So, when I hear people say, "A piece of paper doesn't mean a thing," I'm reminded of the classic adage, "Ignorance is bliss." — **PAPER IS PROOF**

The signature says it well. A marriage certificate is written proof that a couple is officially one unit, with legal protections and benefits for spouses that single people do not enjoy. These include rights of inheritance, the ability to hold title to community property, health insurance benefits, and later in life, Social Security benefits. There is also the psychological benefit for all concerned.

If something were to happen to the father of her children, with no marriage certificate, your daughter and the children would be left with nothing — no voice regarding his medical treatment, no claim to his body.

I'm all for "romance," but when children are being considered, it's time for a dose of practicality. Please urge your daughter to rethink her position.

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DEAR ABBY: I am director of client relations at Genetex, an accredited DNA testing lab. In your Amber Alert column, you recommended that parents "keep a sample of DNA, such as several strands of hair" for identification purposes in case the child is kidnapped.

Strands of hair are good for DNA testing only if the root is intact. Chances are that if it were needed, no DNA could be recovered from several "strands" of hair. A more effective way to collect DNA is to utilize a cheek swab, using a kit that is available through many police stations. A full DNA profile can also be run in advance through a DNA testing lab. — **KRISTINE ASHCRAFT, SEATTLE**

DEAR KRISTINE: Thank you for enlightening me. Parents, please take note.

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Suspect arrested in missing student case

CROOKSTON, Minn. (AP) — A man described by authorities as a predatory sex offender was arrested and charged with kidnapping in the disappearance of a college student who may have been abducted last month while talking on her cell phone.

The girl's family said the arrest gave them new hope that she would be found.

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, was arrested Monday in Crookston, where he lives, according to police in Grand Forks, N.D.

Dru Sjodin, 22, a University of North Dakota student from Pequot Lakes, has still not been found. She has been missing since Nov. 22 when she left her job at the Victoria's Secret at Columbia Mall in Grand Forks, about 30 miles from Crookston.

Police said a search for Sjodin was continuing, and said no other information would be released until a news briefing today.

Sjodin's brother, Sven, said the arrest made the family "by far more hopeful" about finding his sister.

"We look at it as an incomplete puzzle," Sjodin said today on NBC's "Today." "We're waiting for the other pieces to fall into place. Finalizing the puzzle is having Dru back here with us. We believe we will have her here very soon."

Rodriguez had been expected to appear in court today in Crookston, but court officials said the appearance would be delayed until Wednesday morning.

Rodriguez has a history of sexual contact and attempted kidnapping with adult women, and has used a weapon in at least one assault, according to a Minnesota Department of Corrections summary of his criminal history posted on the agency's Web site.

His past offenses require that Rodriguez be registered as a predatory offender, the department said.

Neighbors of Rodriguez said a town meeting was held in May to inform them about his release from prison.

FBI agent Paul McCabe, at the Sjodin home in Pequot Lakes, said her family was still hopeful she would be found alive. "They're focused on finding Dru," McCabe said.

Neighbors said Rodriguez lived with his mother, Dolores. No one answered the phone at the home Monday night.

Sonja Thygeson, who lives about four houses down from Rodriguez and his mother, said she's never seen him do anything wrong, but took precautions anyway.

"I'm a widow and I'm older, and I was scared, so I had my son-in-law come over and install a motion light after he (Rodriguez) moved in," Thygeson said.

Another neighbor, Milton Stave, said "there were a lot of frightened people around" when Rodriguez returned to the community.

Authorities said Sjodin may have been abducted while talking to her boyfriend, Chris Lang, on a cell phone the afternoon of Nov. 22. He called her roommate, saying he heard Sjodin say something like, "Oh, my God," before the phone went dead. During a second call a few hours later, there was only the sound of static and numbers being pressed, he said.

The case had drawn more than 1,300 volunteers who have searched the area without success. In addition, about 30 FBI agents, along with investigators from 20 different agencies in three states and the Canadian province of Manitoba, were working on the case. A $140,000 reward was offered.

Investigation begins into police custody death in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police appeared to follow procedure when attempting to subdue a black man who later died, and "it's obvious one of the officers was assaulted" before the taped beating began, Police Chief Thomas Streicher said today.

Nathaniel Jones, 41, died at a hospital shortly after being taken into custody Sunday outside a fast food restaurant. The 350-pound man was struck repeatedly with nightsticks in a confrontation captured by a video camera mounted on a police car.

While he stressed that the investigation was incomplete, "I think there's enough on the tape to have a preliminary judgment about what occurred," Streicher said on NBC's "Today." "It's obvious one of the officers was assaulted while he was trying to calm down Mr. Jones."

"I can't see anything that's outside this procedure at this point," he said.

The Citizen Complaint Authority is looking into the death.

"We turn to you for a full and fair and thorough investigation," Mayor Charlie Luken told members Monday night. The U.S. Justice Department also was studying the case.

The cause of Jones' death was under investigation. Preliminary autopsy results showed he had an enlarged heart, and his blood contained cocaine and PCP, or "angel dust," both of which can cause erratic behavior, Hamilton County Coroner Carl Parrott said.

Monday night's regular meeting of the complaint panel was disrupted by four activists who demanded quick action.

"It's apparent that you don't know what you're supposed to be doing and what your authority is," said Nate Livingston Jr., a member of the Coalition for a Just Cincinnati, which promotes a boycott of the city.

"When they start fighting in the streets, you'll say, 'Why didn't you do it the right way? Why didn't you come to City Hall? Why didn't you trust us? Why didn't you talk to us?"

Police were called to escort Livingston and three others from the room when they continued to shout at the panel.

Jones' death raised new allegations of police brutality, just as the city was starting to recover from the effects of the April 2001 riots and the boycott that followed.

Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez said information was being gathered to determine if federal action was warranted.

Emergency personnel were sent to the restaurant early Sunday after a report of a man passed out on the grass.

Man arrested for public intoxication

• ***Arrest***

At 8:36 a.m. Monday it was reported that an elderly man had knocked on the door of a home in the 1100 block of 23rd and attempted to enter the residence. The caller advised that she thought that the man was intoxicated. When officers arrived they took a 77-year-old man into custody for public intoxication and booked him into Scurry County Jail.

• ***Burglary***

A burglary of five storage rooms at J&K Rentals at 3600 Lamesa Hwy. was reported at 9 a.m. Monday. A detailed account of any items that were taken would be submitted when the renters of the storage rooms could make an assessment.

• ***Criminal mischief***

A caller reported at 3:02 p.m. that someone had attempted to break into a building used for storage in the 1200 block of 25th on Monday. The caller reported that no belongings had been taken.

• ***Theft***

Three reported thefts occurred in Snyder and Scurry County on Monday. The first was reported at 3:45 p.m. in the 10000 block of CR 397. The caller reported that $670 had been taken from the residence.

A homeowner in the 3600 block of Hill called at 5:28 p.m. to report that someone had taken the Christmas lights from that residence.

At 5:40 p.m. a caller reported to police that someone had stolen firewood from a home in the 100 block of 34th.

• ***Possible fire***

A caller reported at 8:20 p.m. Monday seeing smoke coming from the attic of a residence in the 2700 block of Ave. Q. Snyder Fire Department responded and advised that the smoke had been caused by an overheated ceiling fan.

Obituaries

Inez Wells

1914-2003

Inez Wells, a resident of Snyder since 1950, died Friday, Nov. 28, in Carlsbad, N.M., after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wells, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Spoor officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Inez Wells

Born May 27, 1914 in Dublin, she married William M. Wells on Oct. 8, 1935 in Stephenville. He died in 1974.

Mrs. Wells worked for the Snyder ISD for 25 years, serving the last seven as cafeteria manager. She also worked as a greeter for Wal-Mart and was active in the Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Carol Wells in 1973; a granddaughter, Candice Ann Wells in 1973; and a daughter-in-law, Marolyn F. Wells in 2002.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Wilma Wells of Carlsbad; four granddaughters and their spouses, Sheila Carol and Brad Bradford, Melissa Gail and Jimmy Delvin and Aleshia Ann and Thomas Edgell, all of Carlsbard; a grandson, Jason William Wells of Carlsbad; seven great-grandchildren; three cousins, Hazel Marx, Helen Warner and Kenneth Wells; and a nephew, Marvin Salyer.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Edith Blair

1916-2003

Edith Clair Blair, longtime Scurry County resident, died Monday, Dec. 1, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Blair, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Nov. 19, 1916 in Polar, she married Ray Blair on Dec. 27, 1935 in Rotan. He died on April 8, 1967. Mrs. Blair was reared in Polar and had lived in Scurry County most of her life. A homemaker, Mrs. Blair also had lived in Rotan for a time.

She was also preceded in death by a grandchild, Kelly Everton; her parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Ray Williams of Snyder; one son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Liz Blair of Hermleigh; three grandchildren, Sonja Hanks and her husband Bobby of Snyder, April Blair and her finacé Matt of Lubbock, Brendan Blair and his wife Brooke of Lubbock; two great-grandchildren, Kara Bailey Romero and Braxton Chase Blair, both of Lubbock; a special nephew, Tom Crawley of Snyder; and many other nieces and nephews.

Hap Blythe

1930-2003

ROCKDALE – The Rev. Van "Hap" Blythe, the brother of four Snyder residents, died Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Central Texas Hospital in Cameron.

Funeral service for Rev. Blythe, 73, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial was to follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Born Feb. 21, 1930 in Vealmoor, he was preceded in death by his parents, William Herbert and Ohma Pearl Sellars Blythe. He married Jimmie "Rose" Phillips on Nov. 26, 1959 in Midland.

A resident of Rockdale for 31 years, he had been a minister for 52 years, serving churches in Leroy, Okla., Taneyville, Mo., Ralls, Cave Springs, Ark., Spearman, Arnett, Okla., Big Spring and Rockdale.

He was a charter member of the Rockdale Christian Fellowship and he also had worked as a bus driver for the Rockdale ISD and for Milam County.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Blythe of Rockdale; three sons, Philip Blythe of DeSoto, Brent Blythe of Rockdale and DelVan Blythe of Spring; a daughter, Dona Rose Thomas of Maplewood, Minn.; three brothers, Billy Blythe of Snyder, John Blythe of Meridian, Miss., and Wayne Blythe of Hartshore, Okla.; four sisters, Grace Ainsworth, Carla Matthews and Mary Perez, all of Snyder, and Pat Robinson of Granby, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 12/3	Thu 12/4	Fri 12/5
61/36	60/32	55/27
A few clouds from time to time. High 61F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 7:29 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:30 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:31 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM

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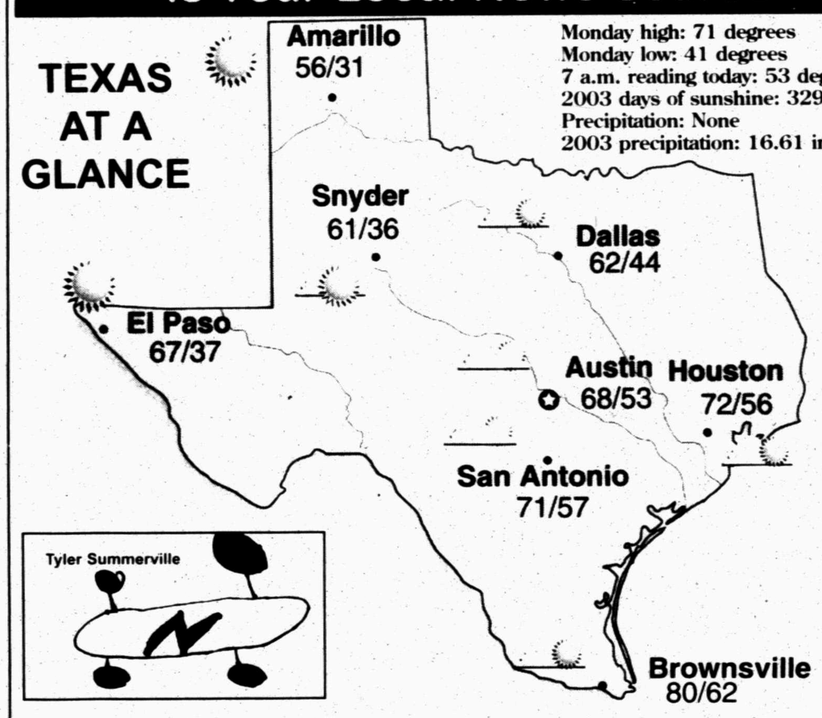
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 71 degrees
Monday low: 41 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 53 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 329 of 335
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	40	mst sunny	El Paso	67	37	sunny	Midland	63	37	sunny
Amarillo	56	31	sunny	Fort Stockton	64	41	sunny	Raymondville	79	60	pt sunny
Austin	68	53	cloudy	Gainesville	59	39	pt sunny	Rosenberg	72	56	pt sunny
Beaumont	69	55	rain	Greenville	59	41	pt sunny	San Antonio	71	57	cloudy
Brownsville	80	62	pt sunny	Houston	72	56	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	54	cloudy
Brownwood	65	43	pt sunny	Kingsville	78	61	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	43	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	76	61	pt sunny	Livingston	67	51	cloudy	Sweetwater	62	39	mst sunny
Corsicana	63	46	pt sunny	Longview	60	47	rain	Tyler	61	46	cloudy
Dallas	62	44	pt sunny	Lubbock	61	33	sunny	Weatherford	62	39	pt sunny
Del Rio	67	53	pt sunny	Lufkin	65	52	cloudy	Wichita Falls	60	37	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	33	pt sunny	Houston	72	56	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	48	mst sunny
Boston	31	22	sunny	Los Angeles	74	54	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	48	pt sunny
Chicago	40	29	pt sunny	Miami	76	70	windy	Seattle	48	37	rain
Dallas	62	44	pt sunny	Minneapolis	34	28	cloudy	St. Louis	40	34	mixed
Denver	53	24	pt sunny	New York	35	26	sunny	Washington, DC	38	26	mst sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 30	Dec 8	Dec 16	Dec 23

UV Index

Wed 12/3	Thu 12/4	Fri 12/5
3	3	3
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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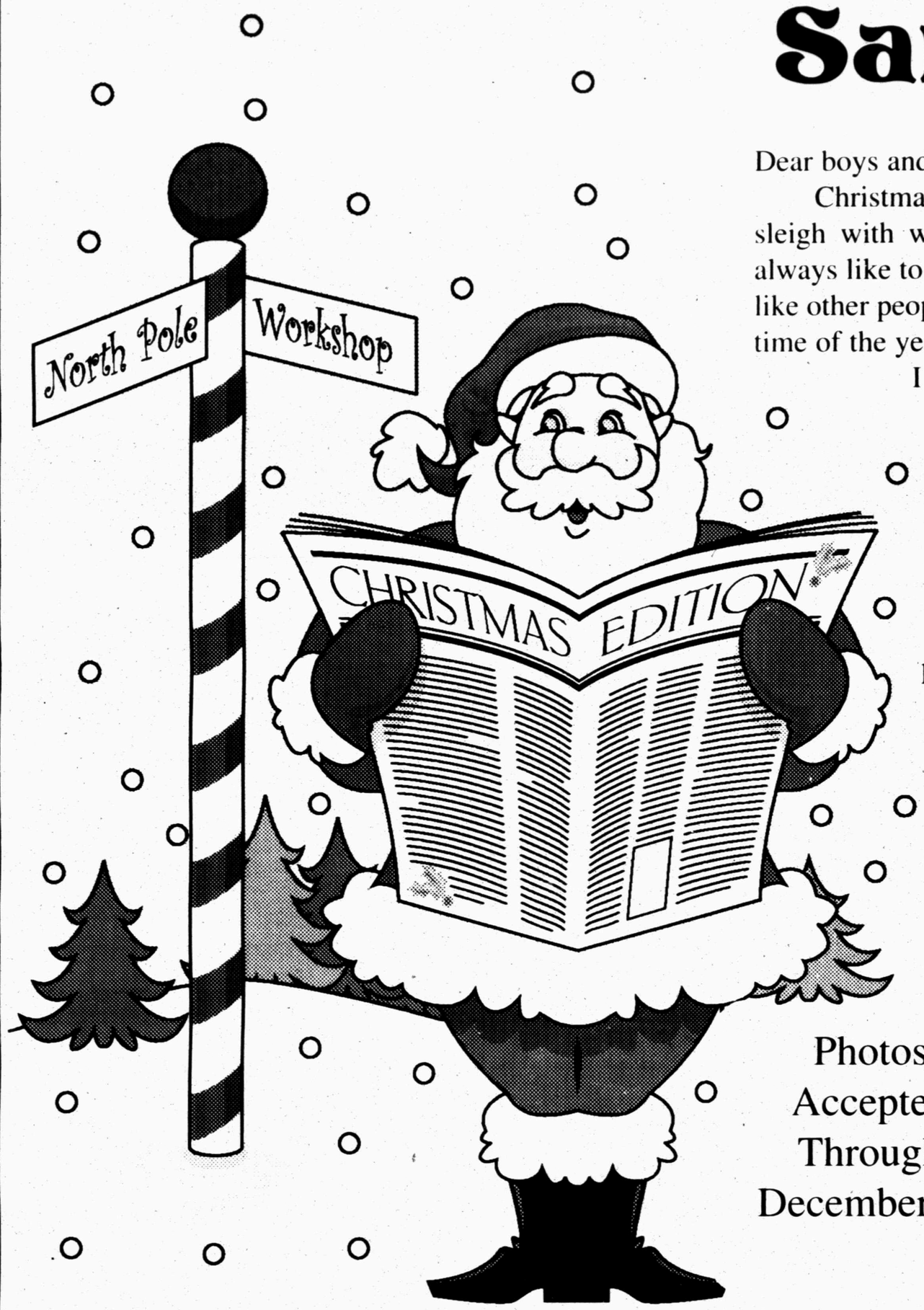
Santa Photos



Dear boys and girls,

Christmas is only a few days away. I am already loading my sleigh with wonderful toys and many good things for you. I always like to know what good children want for Christmas, and like other people I enjoy seeing pictures of children at this happy time of the year.

I have made arrangements with the Snyder Daily News to publish photos of children in your area. Just have your mom or dad bring a photo of you to the Snyder Daily News office and make arrangements to have it published in the Christmas Edition.

You will need to provide your own photo for this special edition. After the photo has been processed your mom or dad can pick up the photo at the Snyder Daily News.

I hope to see your photo in the Snyder Daily News and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas
Santa

Photos Accepted Through December 13

Trent and Trevor, 3-year-old twins of Bobby and Korie Allen, wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Trent would like Santa to bring him a new tricycle while Trevor is asking for a riding tractor.

Bring your favorite photograph of your child, grandchild or other children to the Snyder Daily News so that it may be included in the special "Christmas Edition". The photo will appear in the special edition along with the child's message to Santa for only $12.50. The Snyder Daily News reserves the right to reject photos not suitable for reproduction in the newspaper.

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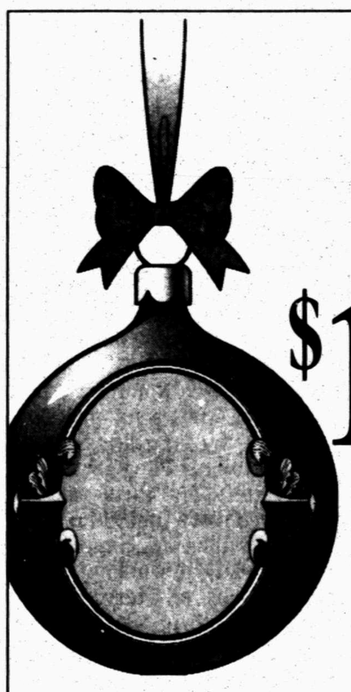

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PHOTO RETURN:

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